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SUBJ: ABU DHABI COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE PROJECT

REFS: A) ABU DHABI 1597 B) BEIRUT 14329

1. PLS PASS GREENLUM INFORMATION REF B ORIGINALLY SENT ACTION USDOC INFO BEIRUT. LATEST INFORMATION IS THAT SHEIKH SOROUR HIMSELF STILL INTERESTED IN SATELLITE PROJECT WITH U.S. CONSULTANT AND JAPANESE (PROBABLY NEC) CONTRACTOR. HOWEVER SOROUR UNABLE TO ACT UNTIL SHEIKHS ZAYID AND RASHID DECIDE ON UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS POLICY FOR UAE.

2. ENTIRE ABU DHABI SATELLITE PROJECT HAS BEEN HANDLED CONFIDENTIALLY FROM SHEIKH SOROUR'S OFFICE IN ABU DHABI WATER AND ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT. THOSE MINISTRIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED (COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION, INTERIOR, PUBLIC WORKS, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS) STILL UNAWARE OF SATELLITE PLANS AND HAVE NOT BEEN CONSULTED ABOUT THEIR PARTICULAR TELECOMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS.

3. COMMENT: REALISM WOULD DICTATE THE ENTIRE UAE'S USE OF ONE EARTH STATION, SPECIFICALLY THE STATION NOW BEING BUILT BY CABLE & WIRELESS IN DUBAI. HOWEVER, JUDGING BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAST PERFORMANCE, ECONOMIC REALISM MAY NOT BE ORDER OF DAY

HERE. IF ABU DHABI, FOR REASONS OF POLITICS OR
PRESTIGE, DECIDES IT DOES NOT WANT TO RELY ON EARTH
STATION LOCATED IN DUBAI, THEN PROJECT WILL PROBABLY
BE REVIVED.
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